

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 and leaves claims 2-4, 7-9 and 11 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-11.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of the prior Patent No. 6,564,294. Applicants do not agree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

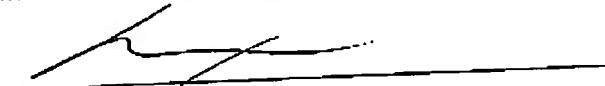
It should be noted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1-11 are taught or suggested by claim 1 of the prior patent. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Since there are no other rejections of the claims as set forth in the Office Action, overcoming the above described rejection now places the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.38338CX2).

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